Mountain Weather Forecast

South Grampian and Southeast Highlands

Including South and East Cairngorms National Park, Aberdeenshire and Angus Hills, Ben Vrackie, Ben Lawers, Loch Tay and Ochils
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 31 Mar 2022 until 23:59 on Friday 01 Apr 2022

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 30 Mar 2022 at 12:18 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for mostly cold conditions to Saturday, but moderate for extent of showers Friday and Saturday. Falling low by the end of the weekend with large uncertainty on when milder conditions arrive.

Headline for Thursday 31 Mar 2022: Bitterly cold, sunny spells and snow showers, heavy at times.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 31 Mar 2022

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** No Likelihood
Thunderstorms Low Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light snow showers (night)	Light snow showers (night)	Light snow showers (night)	Light snow showers	Heavy snow showers	Heavy snow showers	Light snow showers	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
20%	30%	30%	50%	50%	40%	20%	10%

Forecast for Thursday 31 Mar 2022

Weather: Often cloudy with snow showers across the Aberdeenshire and Angus hills through the early hours and morning, but dry with clear then sunny spells further south and west. All ranges seeing bright or sunny spells and snow showers in the afternoon, Showers occasionally heavy with a slight risk of thunder. Becoming dry and largely clear in the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 60-70% across Aberdeenshire and Angus hills, 80-90% further south and west.

Low Cloud and visibility: Very good visibility, briefly falling to a few hundred meters or less in passing snow showers. Occasional cloud above 800-900m in the morning across Aberdeenshire and Angus hills, cloud bases lifting above the summits by the afternoon. Further south and west largely clear, perhaps some patchy summit cloud early morning.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1100	24/30 N	19/25 N	19/25 N	20/28 N	22/31 N	20/29 N	19/26 N	20/27 N	18/24 N
900	15/20 N	13/18 N	13/18 N	16/24 N	19/28 N	17/25 N	14/21 N	13/20 N	12/18 N
600	7/16 N	7/15 N	7/14 NW	10/19 N	14/24 N	12/23 N	9/17 N	8/17 NW	7/15 NW
300	7/17 N	7/17 N	6/16 N	11/22 N	13/26 N	11/23 N	9/20 N	7/17 N	8/19 N
Glen	8/20 N	8/19 N	6/15 NW	11/22 N	13/26 N	12/25 N	9/19 N	6/14 NW	7/17 NW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1100	-8/-17	-8/-16	-7/-16	-7/-16	-6/-14	-6/-14	-7/-15	-7/-16	-7/-16
900	-6/-13	-6/-12	-5/-12	-5/-12	-4/-11	-4/-11	-4/-11	-5/-12	-6/-12
600	-4/-8	-4/-8	-3/-8	-2/-8	-1/-6	-1/-6	-2/-7	-3/-8	-3/-8
300	-2/-5	-2/-5	-1/-4	1/-3	3/-2	3/-1	1/-3	-1/-4	-1/-5
Glen	-1/-5	-1/-5	-0/-3	3/-2	4/-0	4/0	2/-2	0/-3	-0/-4
Freezing Level*	00m	00m	100m	200m	200m	200m	200m	100m	00m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Unseasonably cold with winter conditions on high ground.

Forecast for Friday 01 Apr 2022
Weather: Cold with largely clear skies through the early hours, some high cloud across western hills around dawn. Then a bright day with sunny spells. A few snow showers, but mostly dry. Cloud may thicken for a time in the evening.

Maximum wind: Northwest 10 gusting 15 mph

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 80%

Low Cloud and visibility: Very good visibility. Cloud bases mostly above the summits, but may lower to around 900m for a time in the evening.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 4 Celsius rising to plus 5 Celsius
At 800m: Minus 5 Celsius rising to minus 1 Celsius
Freezing level: Down to the glens, rising to 300-400m by day.

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